

<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b> Applicant(s):				Docket No. 17231A	
Serial No. 09/924,641	Filing Date 8/8/01	Examiner T. Nguyen	Group Art Unit 2833		
Invention: <b>Improved Contact For Error Resistant Coupling Of Electrical Signals</b>					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>				<b>RECEIVED</b>  <b>MAR 01 2004</b>	
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	2 -	20 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0 x	\$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.  <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____  <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.  <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.  <input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.           </div> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">             Dated: 2/20/04           </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <b>Michael Aronoff</b>  <b>Registration No. 37,770</b>  <b>The Whitaker Corporation</b>  <b>4550 New Linden Hill Road</b>  <b>Suite 140</b>  <b>Wilmington, DE 19808</b>  <b>Telephone: 633-2770</b> </div> <div style="width: 35%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Paula M. Capriglione</b>  <small>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>Paula M. Capriglione</b>  <small>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</small> </div> </div> </div> </div>					



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Matter of the Application of: H. Hermann, et al.

For: **Improved Contact for Error Resistant Coupling of Electrical Signals**

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Paula Capriglione

Sir:

This Reply is in response to the fifth Office Action mailed October 28, 2003 (Paper No. 16) for the above identified application. This response is being filed within the first month after expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action. A separate petition and fee for a one month extension of time, which resets the deadline for response to March 1, 2004 (February 28, 2004 being a Saturday), is being filed concurrently with this response.

Charge any fee associated with this response and credit any overcharge to Deposit Account No. 23-1950.